



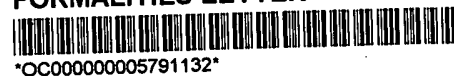
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$598.
 - \$198 for 11 total claims over 20.
 - \$400 for 5 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

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- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1438.

01 FC:101	710.00 OP
02 FC:102	400.00 OP
03 FC:103	198.00 OP
04 FC:105	130.00 OP

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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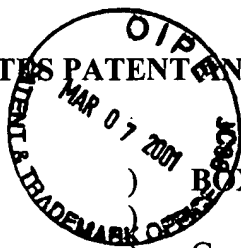
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Application No.: 09/749,585

Filed: December 28, 2000

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS
FOR RELIABLY SELECTING BUS
MASTERSHIP IN A FAULT
TOLERANT MANNER

BOX: Missing Parts

Group Art Unit: 2641

Examiner: Unassigned

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on February 22,
2001, enclosed are the following:

- ☒ Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney;
- ☐ Petition for _ Month Petition for Extension of Time and required fee of _;
- ☒ The required declaration surcharge of ☐ \$65.00 ☒ \$130.00;
- ☐ Other: _.

☒ The required Application filing fee, as calculated below, is also enclosed:

CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00
Total Claims	31	Minus 20 =	11	x \$18.00 =	198.00
Ind. Claims	8	Minus 3 =	5	x \$ 80.00 =	400.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00					
Total Application Fee					\$1,308.00
If Small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$1,308.00

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1,438.00 (application filing fee, claim fee, and Declaration surcharge fee) is enclosed.

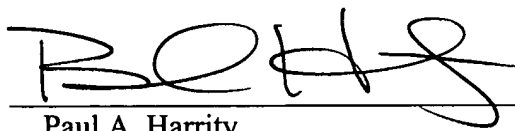
☐ Charge \$ _ to Deposit Account No. 50-1070.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070.



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